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Richard C. DeFrancesco is a partner in Thomas, Thomas & Hafer's Ambler, PA office and a member of the Firm's general liability practice group. Rich is a trial attorney with twenty years' experience handling personal injury and insurance denial claims. His practice areas include auto, premises, insurance bad faith, medical malpractice, professional negligence and workers' compensation. Rich also has appellate experience in both state and federal court, as well as experience with class actions, mass torts, ERISA matters, Dram Shop and Election Law cases.

Rich has served as an arbitrator in Philadelphia County and has arbitrated and mediated cases throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Rich has also been a volunteer for Philadelphia VIP to represent low-income persons on a pro bono basis focusing on mortgage foreclosure alternatives earning nomination to the First Judicial District Pro Bono Honor Roll 2013-2015.

Rich was selected to the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list for 2014 - 2017 and Best Attorneys of America 2015. He served as Co-Chair of the Insurance Bad Faith Section of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice and has authored several articles for the *PA Justice News*.

Rich is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the Villanova University School of Law.

Practice Areas:

General Liability, Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith, Medical Malpractice & Professional Licensure

Education:

Villanova University School of Law, *J.D.*, 2001
Member Villanova Environmental Law Journal

University of Maryland, College Park, *B.A.*, 1998
Graduated in three years with University Honors Citation

Bar Admissions:

Pennsylvania, 2001

New Jersey, 2001

United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2021

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2004

United States District Court for Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2001

District of New Jersey, 2001

Professional Honors & Awards:

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Rising Stars – 2014-2017

Best Attorneys of America – 2015

Professional Associations & Memberships:

Pennsylvania Bar Association